# TOWN OF SHEFFIELD CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Date:

October 28, 2013

Time:

7:00 pm

Place:

The Carlton French Room-Sheffield Town Hall

#### **Members Present:**

Don Ward, Chairman James Collingwood, Sr. Howard Chezar Peter Stiglin

## **Minutes Recorded By:**

Jill Hughes

#### General Public in Attendance:

Mike Parson, Great Barrington Sarah Williams, Sheffield

Chairman Don Ward called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Continuation of Public Hearing, Notice of Intent filed by Brian Schwab, for property on 927 Boardman Street, pond dredging.

A discussion ensued as the Commission has still received no word from the applicant.

Public Hearing, Request for Determination of Applicability filed by James Waldman, for property on 340 Bow Wow Rd., addition to an existing home consisting of the enclosure of a carport and the removal of several trees.

Sarah Williams (who along with her husband, James Waldman are under contract to purchase the property) and Mike Parsons were present for the applicant. Mr. Parsons showed the Commission a map of the property that outlined the work to be done. A discussion ensued as to why so many trees needed to be removed. The applicant responded that many of those trees are large white pines, which pose a hazard as they are shallow rooted. Mr. Parsons stated the work is in the buffer zone and will have no impact on the pond. The Commission decided a site visit was necessary and scheduled it for Tuesday, October 29, 2013 @ 9 AM. Mr. Parsons will have a representative from his office present and Ms. Williams stated she will also be there.

## Other Business:

A discussion ensued regarding Weatogue Road. The Commission has not received a report.

Chairman Ward showed the Commission the maps of the town that have been mounted on foam board which show water resources, natural resources and priority and estimated

Conservation Commission Minutes October 28, 2013 Meeting Page 1 of 2 habitats. The members of the Commission thanked Chairman Ward for having the maps done as they are very useful.

The Commission discussed the upcoming MACC convention which will be held sometime in March.

The Commission discussed the laptop that is used by the secretary, which does not seem to be working properly. It was decided that the files on the laptop should be transferred on to flash drive for safe keeping. Recording secretary Jill Hughes will take care of that.

The dates for upcoming Commission meetings were discussed. The next meeting scheduled is on November 11, 2013, which is Veterans Day. It was decided that the meeting be moved to November 18, 2013.

#### Minutes:

Howard Chezar motioned, with a second from James Collingwood, Sr. to approve the September 23, 2013 minutes as written. The motion passed 4-0.

## **Bills Pending:**

Outstanding bills were addressed.

### Mail:

Mail was distributed and read.

### Adjournment:

There being no further business before the Commission this evening, *Howard Chezar motioned*, with a second from Peter Stiglin to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Respectively submitted by:

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